

Appl. No. 09/780,600
Amendment dated May 13, 2003
Reply to Office Action of October 31, 2002



REMARKS

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Information Disclosure Statement:

The Examiner has noted that foreign patents DD 223149 and EP 0543333 as well as documents Kamel and Zander listed in the Information Disclosure Statement, filed on February 9, 2001, have been placed in the file but not considered. The Applicants submit herewith English translations of DD 223149, the Kamel document and the Zander document, and the US counterpart of EP 0543333 (US 5,750,409).

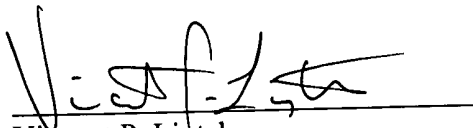
Applicants respectfully request consideration of the attached documents.

FEE AUTHORIZATION

If any additional time extensions are required, such time extensions are hereby requested. If any additional fees not submitted with this response are required, please take such fees from Applied Biosystems Deposit Account No. 01-2213 (Order No. 4446D1).

Respectfully submitted,

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